

Watershed Rehabilitation Update

2014 Farm Bill

August 21, 2014 State Technical Committee Meeting

Aging Watershed Infrastructure Rehabilitation Legislation

- Congress Passed the Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 which Amended the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566).
- This Authorized NRCS to Provide Technical and Financial Assistance to Watershed Project Sponsors in Rehabilitating Their Aging Dams.
 - All Work Necessary to Extend the Service Life of the Dam and Meet Public Safety and Performance Requirements
 - Work That is Not Considered Typical Maintenance of the Structure

Reasons for Watershed Rehabilitation

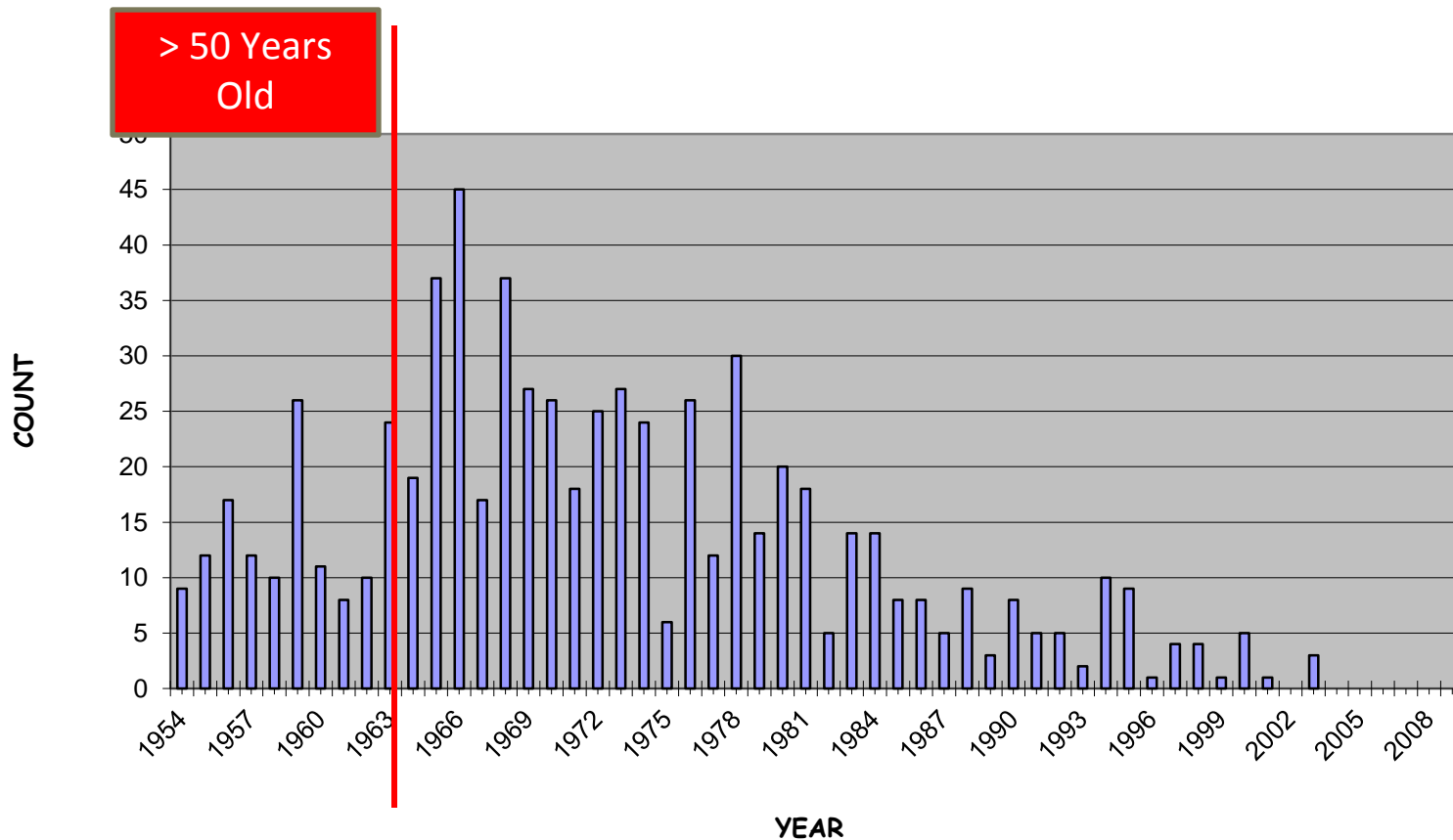
- Design Service Life has Been Reached
- Structure Functions are Impaired
- Changes in Technology
- Changes in the Watershed
- Public Safety Features Have Changed
- Upgrade to Meet State Dam Regulations

NRCS Water Resource Programs Eligible for Rehabilitation

- Watershed Program (PL-534 Flood Control Act of 1944 and PL-566 Watershed Protection Act of 1954)
- Pilot Watershed Program (1952-1954)
- Resource Conservation and Development Program

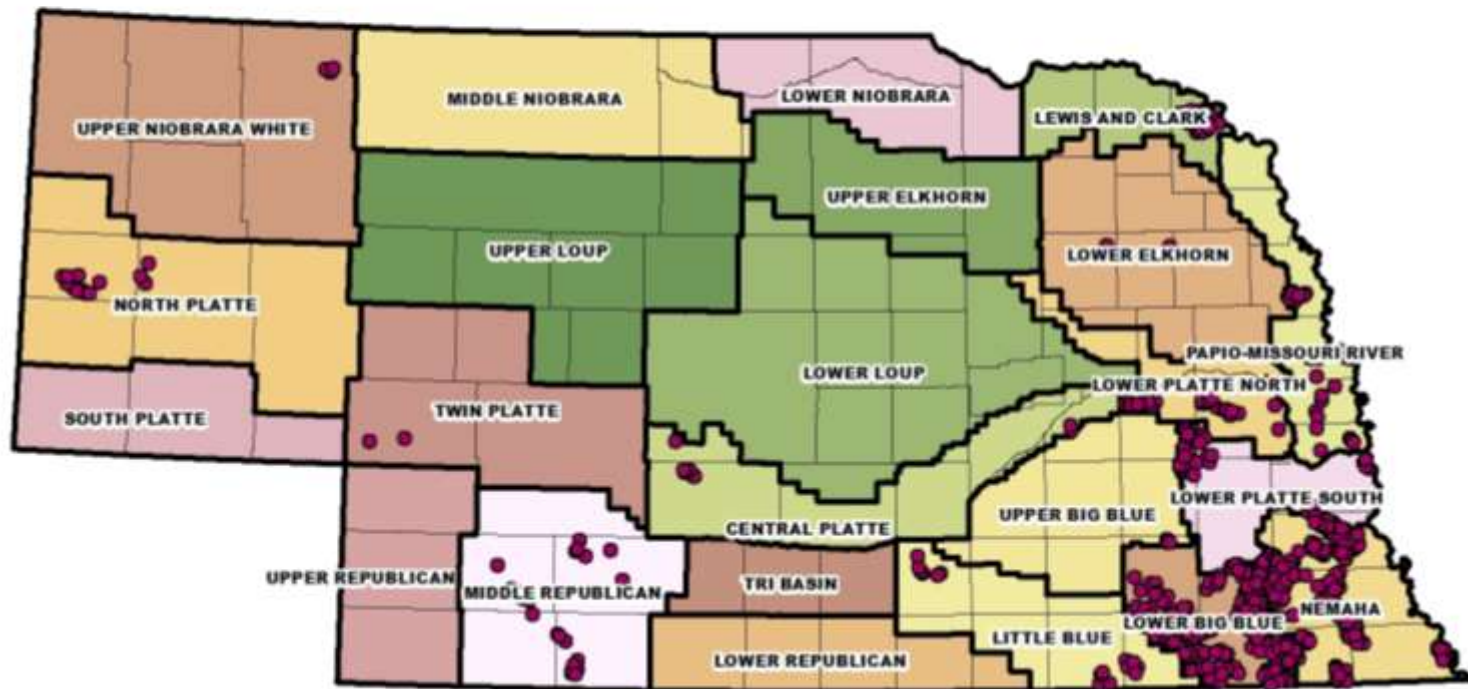
Nebraska Need for Watershed Rehabilitation

NEBRASKA - COUNT OF PL-566 INVENTORY DAMS COMPLETED BY YEAR



Distribution Across Nebraska

PL-566 Structures in Nebraska



NRCS Watershed Rehabilitation Process



Watershed Rehab Funding in the 2014 Farm Bill

- January 2014 Continuing Resolution provided \$12 million in funding for the watershed rehabilitation program.
- The 2014 Farm Bill that provided an additional appropriation of \$250 million dollars for a total of:
- **\$262 million available for the watershed rehabilitation program.**

Watershed Rehabilitation Request Summary (1)

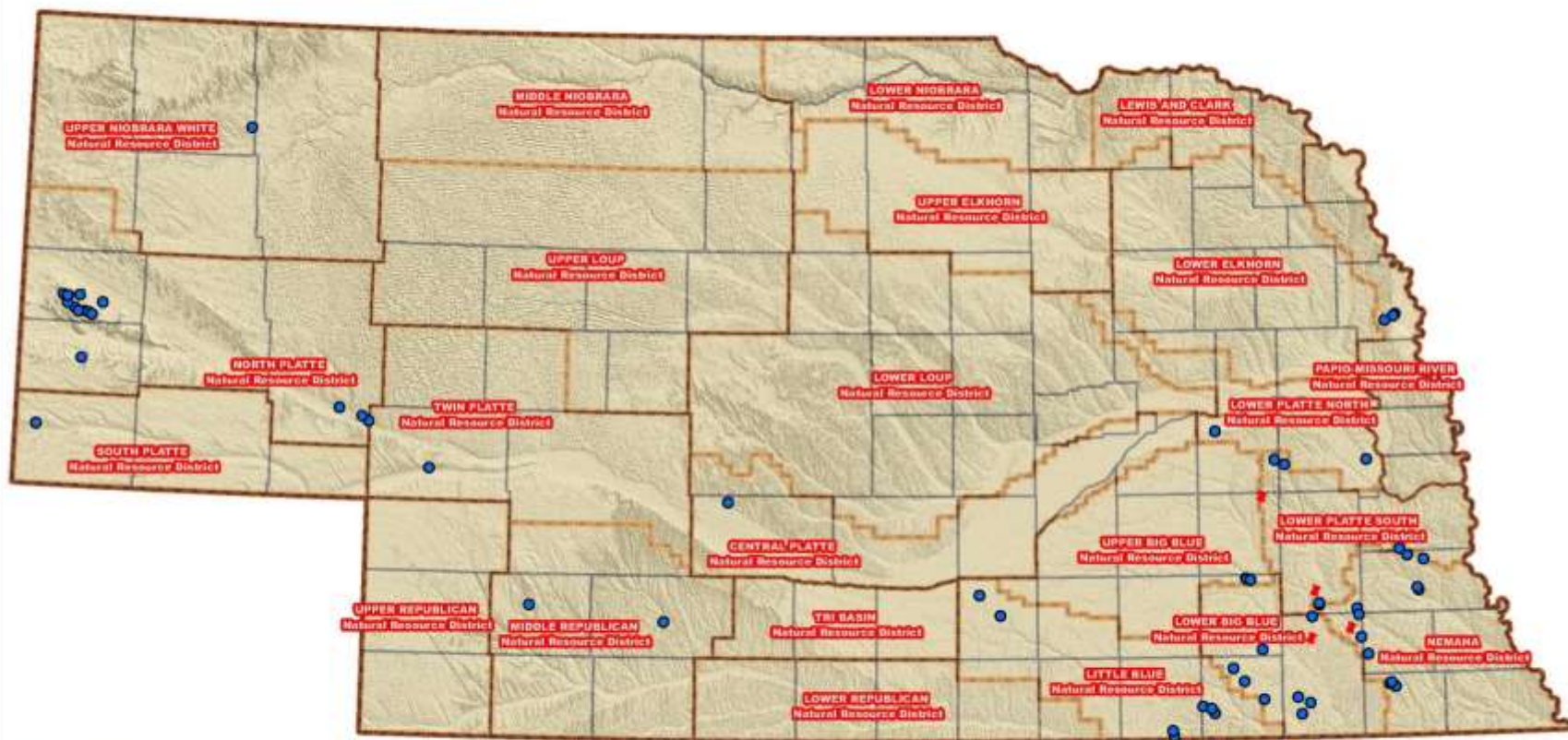
- Over **800 Million Dollars** Applied for Nationally.
- Nebraska Sponsors Requested:
 - 13 Sites Planning – Construction
 - 3 Sites Design – Construction *plan was already complete
 - 60 Dam Sight Assessments
- **Total Nebraska Request: \$29,730,000**

Watershed Rehabilitation Request Summary (2)

- Nebraska's Allocation Approximately \$7.8 Million Dollars
 - \$6.6 Million Dollars for Design/Construction Inspection/Construction of 4 Structures.
 - \$1.2 Million Dollars for Completion of 60 Structure Assessments.
 - Funds need to be obligated to the Sponsor by Project Agreement by September 30, 2013.

Watershed Rehabilitation Funding Distribution

2014 Watershed Rehabilitation Program



Legend

- ★ Watershed Rehabilitation
- Watershed Site Assessments

Sponsors Role

- Sponsors are vital to the Watershed Rehabilitation Program Processes.
- Sponsors:
 - Initially requested to participate in the Watershed Program (PL-566, PL-534, Pilot or RC&D).
 - Provided landrights and Operation and Maintenance for their Structures.
 - Will Provide the 35% Match to participate in the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.
- Without Sponsors there would be no Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

Future Funding Requests

- We will shortly be contacting sponsors to gather information for our 2015 Watershed Rehabilitation Request.
- Requests will be for:
 - Assessments of existing eligible structures.
 - Rehabilitation of existing eligible structures.
 - We anticipate that this request would be for new planning starts in 2015. Funding for design and construction of these projects would be requested as the planning phase is completed and the plan has been signed.

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